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## Wants America to Conquer the World.

William J. Bryan delivered an interesting and instructive lecture at the Opera House Tuesday afternoon. He came under the auspices of Chapter H. P. E. O. and they deserve the thanks of our people for securing for our people lecturers of such prominence and ability as Mr. Bryan. It is a pleasure to meet such men as Mr. Bryan and many of our citizens were at the depot to meet him when the 9:20 a. m. train arrived. From the depot he was driven to the New Monroe Hotel. There he was informed that Prof. Nichols would be pleased to have him visit the high school at such time as was most convenient to him. Mr. Bryan said he would be pleased to comply and suggested that the party visit the school at once. After spending a few minutes in Prof. Nichols office the party were shown into the high school department where all the students on the upper floor had assembled. Mr. Bryan was a most welcome visitor and was applauded. He gave a short talk which was quite interesting and instructive in which he was in close touch with his audience.

Again at the New Monroe Hotel he was met by many citizens. From the New Monroe Hotel he was driven to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rouse where he took dinner. The dinner party was composed of Col. W. J. Bryan, Senator W. S. McClintic, Rev. H. H. Johnson, J. W. Cox, J. W. Johnston, Dr. W. B. A. McNutt, Dr. S. M. Brown, Prof. R. S. Nichols and R. F. Hixson.

Before leaving for the opera house Mr. Bryan was informed that a lady who was not physically able to be at the opera house would like to see him at B. O. Wood's store. Mr. Bryan very readily and cheerfully said that he would take pleasure in going to see the lady. He is a most pleasant, cheerful man and always has a kind word and a smile for those with whom he is associated.

At 2:30 Mr. Bryan was at the opera house and was introduced by Robert S. McClintic in a brief speech.

Lack of space makes it impossible for the DEMOCRAT to publish as much of the speech as we desire.

Mr. Bryan proved that nations are too careless regarding the moral element in civilization

and believes that a nation should live on, growing stronger as the years go by. A nation begins to decay only after it has lowered its standard of ideals. High and noble ideals and not armies help make nations world powers for good. As America is composed of people from all nations, America, is in position to exert a greater influence for good or evil than any nation on the earth.

He logically discussed the many questions that make a nation great "equal rights to all and special privileges to none" will make America a stronger and better nation. He applied this principle to the many questions which come up for solution, such as the differences between capital and labor, the money question, trusts, etc. Mr. Bryan wants America to conquer the world. He believes that is the duty of our Republic to conquer the world if it can be done and he believes that it can be accomplished. Do not get excited, however, and imagine that he has adopted the policies of our Republican friends and has become a rank imperialist. While he wants America to Conquer the world he is opposed to Conquering by force of arms. He is for love and Americans living up to the Declaration of Independence and thus showing to the world that we not only have the best form of government on earth and that we believe in it and practice what we preach, and thus America will conquer the world.

Grace Baptist Church will begin a protracted meeting the fifth Sunday, Dec. 29th. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. J. M. Roden of Greenville, Texas.

Walter J. Hagan, one of the old Monroe boys has tried Kiowa, Kan., to a frazzle and finally concluded to return to Monroe, which he did yesterday. He says, that Kiowa is a fine country but his return shows he thinks this a finer one.

Orie Warinner writes us from Shreveport, La., and says he has seen Kirby Crisler, who is well. He misses the news from Monroe since leaving Oklahoma City so writes, send me the DEMOCRAT. Says he has a good job which pays him \$40 per month, but he does not fancy his board bill of \$16 per month.

## High School Entertainment.

The Entertainment given by the pupils of the Monroe City High School on last Friday evening was a decided success in every particular.

The manner in which the program was executed reflected much credit on the management of the High School.

The high class execution of each number showed painstaking care on the part of Prof. Nichols and Misses Nichols and Weaver and also showed the spirit of ambition on the part of the pupils, in that "what they do, they do with all their might."

The pupils may justly feel proud of their efforts.

During the entire program, the earnest attention and quiet

that the physical training and graceful carriage of our children are not being neglected.

The recitation of Miss Bertha Nichols, "Light on Dead man's Bar," and that of Miss Mildred Scott, "Swing low, Sweet Chariot" brought out the talents, and training of the young ladies and held the fixed and serious attention of the entire audience.

The pantomime, "Comin' Thro' the Rye", by Miss Ellen Walker was so gracefully and naturally executed that she captivated the hearts of all. The facial expression of the different passions was exceptionally good.

The play, "The Match Makers", was very much enjoyed and the young people deserve



MISS ELLEN WALKER.  
As "Little Red Riding Hood."

—(Photo by Belle Johnson.)

of the audience was maintained, broken only by bursts of applause.

Miss Adelaide Lear made a "decided hit" in her pleasing and artistic rendition of the song.

Miss Ellen Walker's recitation was splendidly executed and highly entertaining, especially to the young men, who desired that she "don't stop."

The drills showed careful training and were an evidence

much credit for the easy and natural manner in which they filled their part.

Miss Ruth Brown in her graceful and easy way handled the violin "like an old veteran." And as the sweet strains from this most popular of stringed instruments met a response in our souls, we could but feel that it was an interpretation of the soul of a natural born musician.

The representation of the loved "Rock of Ages" by Miss Julia McClintic was indeed beautiful and so impressive as to fill us with the conviction that it was good for us to be there.

\$5—\$25.

A good many merchants appeared before the city council at a call meeting last night and insisted that the license for traveling or transient sales or stocks of merchandise that stop in this city to do business be raised from \$5 per year to \$25. The merchants offered to put up a \$100,000 bond to assure the City against any loss that might arise from any contest of its right to raise license to any limit.

If you need a windmill or pump see.—R. MANNING WALKER.

The following is part of a letter from Miss Mayme Hallock, who is teaching in the Odd Fellows Home at Liberty, to her mother: The Home has had a beautiful Xmas present in the shape of a grand father's clock. The case is of golden oak. It stands in the main hall out side of the school room. On the face are these words, "Olive Branch No. 13, D. of R. I. O. O. F. Kansas City, December 25, 1901." It is both useful and ornamental and weighs two hundred and eighty pounds.

The deeper one goes into the Spanish-American war the more rotten it becomes. Dr. C. L. Reed, the retiring president of the American Medical Association, at a banquet has brought terrible charges against Gen. Brook. He compared Gen. Brooks blunder in Florida to the "Black Hole of Calcutta." And said; "One thousand men died of preventable diseases and 12,000 were invalided." And declared that it "was caused by Brooks paying no attention to the warning of Army Surgeons." Also; "If he—Brook—had have disregarded the warnings of his scouts and led an army into a trap, losing 1,000 killed and 12,000 wounded, he would have been court martialed and shot."

The Chicago Record-Herald has another bit of news of interest to Monroites. The paper reproduces another one of Miss Belle Johnson's photos, subject Uncle Jack Mast in sitting down whittling. It is true to life. It was entered in a contest between 100 competitors and the second prize was awarded her. Of the photo the paper says: The winner of the second prize is an excellent example of figure photography. The subject has been posed with care, but the posing is not too obvious, and it is difficult to believe the attention of the subject was not wholly concentrated upon the characteristically yankee act of whittling a stick. The composition conforms to the well known rules concerning lines, and the lens did full justice with its defining powers. The lights have been handled with consummate care and the general effect smacks of Rembrandt.

## Bachelor Barbers.

Payne and Foley are two bachelor barbers, the first has given up trying for a better half but the latter holds on with the tenacity of a Scotch terrier. Being single they have no wood piles to wrestle with and yet both of them showed up with badly delapidated countenance, the former with a nose that looked like it had attended Paddy's wake and the latter's eye looked like his best girl had stuck both thumbs into it. Their explanation is this; Mr. Payne started through the door slipped and jammed his proboscis against it. Mr. Foley was innocently beating a tinker out of a job by soldering a lamp and got a drop of hot solder into one corner of it. Gentlemen you should marry and let your better halves attend to doors and lamps.

Don't forget Auction Sale at New Store 2 and 7 p. m. next Saturday.

## THE SCHLEY VERDICT. DEWEY EXHONORATES HIM.

### THE MINORITY REPORT.

By Admiral Dewey.

The dissenting report of Admiral Dewey, president of the Court, upholds the course of Commodore Schley in every particular, and gives him full credit, as senior officer of the fleet at the time of the battle, "for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships." It declares that Commodore Schley proceeded with all dispatch both to Cienfuegos and to Santiago, the Commodore having in mind the integrity of his fleet; that the blockade of both points was effective, when the condition of the coal supply was taken into consideration, and that the admission of the Adula through the blockade line at Cienfuegos was permitted in the hope of getting information as to the Spanish fleet.

### THE MAJORITY REPORT.

By Admirals Benham and Ramsey.

The report of the majority of the Court of Inquiry finds that Commodore Schley's tactics before Cienfuegos and Santiago, as well as on the trips to both points, were subject to serious criticism. It finds against him in every point, but declares its approval of his personal behavior during the Santiago battle. It finds that he did not proceed with dispatch; that he did not use every effort to learn if the Spanish squadron was at Cienfuegos; that it would have been possible for him to coal his fleet at sea; that the various ships of the fleet had ample coal supply for immediate needs, and that his whole conduct of the campaign was "characterized by vacillation, dilatoriness and lack of enterprise."